

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 448

By Camper

A RESOLUTION to recognize and congratulate Eureka Chapter No. 241 of the Order of the Eastern Star on the occasion of its seventy-fifth anniversary.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those fraternal organizations that, through their extraordinary efforts and tireless service to the public, have distinguished themselves as institutions of which we can be proud; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee's Eureka Chapter No. 241 of the Order of the Eastern Star (OES), Tennessee Jurisdiction, Prince Hall Affiliation, is one such praiseworthy organization that is, in this year, celebrating its seventy-fifth anniversary; and

WHEREAS, united in fellowship, members of the OES are dedicated women and men who sincerely reflect the spirit of fraternal love and the desire to work together for good, both for the satisfaction of helping others and for the goodness of contributing to the betterment of mankind; and

WHEREAS, founded on September 6, 1940, Eureka Chapter No. 241 had an initial membership of fifteen. In addition to Worthy Matron James Williams and Worthy Patron Bedford Weakley, who led the fledgling group, the founding membership consisted of Henrietta Lewis, Hattie Pentleton Wothens, Vashti Cole, Lillian Moore Shelton, Mattie Pearl Edmondson, Jaline Grimes, Hattie Foster, Vernel Carthen, Caranetta BoBo, Mable Chambers, Frankie L. Carter, Rosie B. Whitson, and F. L. Brewster; and

WHEREAS, today, Eureka Chapter No. 241 is a vibrant organization, and its members are devoted to the principles and mission of the OES and to the improvement of their communities, their cities, and this State; and

WHEREAS, on September 6, 2015, the organization's membership will gather in a celebration of its founding, at which time they will reflect fondly on the history of their august and influential organization. The program is titled "75th Anniversary, A Diamond Affair"; and

WHEREAS, Eureka Chapter No. 241 is led by a worthy and distinguished roster of officers, including Worthy Matron Sister Karen Camper, Worthy Patron Brother Felix Griggs, Associate Matron Sister Deanna Peppers, Treasurer Past Worthy Matron Charlie Mae Reed, Secretary Sister Vinnia Davis, Conductress Sister Rochelle Hale, and Associate Conductress Sister Leanora Hawkins; and

WHEREAS, Eureka Chapter No. 241 of the OES is an organization worthy of the attention and commendation of the members of this General Assembly on this auspicious occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we recognize Eureka Chapter No. 241 of the Order of the Eastern Star, Tennessee Jurisdiction, Prince Hall Affiliation, on the occasion of its seventy-fifth anniversary and extend our best wishes to its membership for many years of success in service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.